



## **Doddiscombsleigh Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Thursday 13th June 2019 at 7.30pm in Doddiscombsleigh School**

#### **Present:**

Cllr B Hornby (Chairman for the first agenda item), Cllr L Turney (Chairman), Cllr H Hanson, Cllr M Moorhouse and 3 members of the public

Clerk: A Miller

#### **1 Election of Chairman**

Cllr Hornby informed the Council that she has resigned from her Chairman position that she accepted at the Annual meeting and she recommended Cllr Turney as the new Chairman. Cllr Turney confirmed that he was ready to stand as a Chairman. There were no other nominations and he was unanimously voted as new Chairman.

**Proposed** Cllr Hornby **Seconded** Cllr Hanson All agreed

#### **2 Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Cllr Turney signed the Acceptance of Office form for the Chairman position.

#### **3 Apologies for Absence – None**

#### **4 Declarations of Interest / Requests for Dispensations – None**

**Open Forum:** no questions were raised.

#### **5 Planning Application: 19/00792/FUL**

Location: Straithead Barn

Proposal: Renovation of Grade II\* listed barn with new two-story extension

The Parish Council discussed the planning application and the following points were raised.

- Straithead is an important village landmark and the Council understands that the building is in a bad condition and development is the way to save it.
- There was a local issue with flooding at a neighbouring property. The approved plan should ensure that neither Straithead (lower floor level in the extension) nor the neighbours will be flooded. As the building is situated on a small plot, careful consideration is needed to ensure that the neighbours will not be affected by the disposal of rainwater.
- Due to the large area of windows it is important to consider how much light would be emitted at night and the effect this will have on neighbouring properties.
- As the building is in a central position, the general effect of the development is considerable on the appearance of the village.

The Parish Council decided to inform the Planning Department about the raised issues.

**Proposed** Cllr Turney **Seconded** Cllr Hornby All agreed

**6 Planning Application: 19/00793/LBC**

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Discussed under agenda item 5.

**7 Councillor Vacancy and co-option**

One Expression of Interest was received for the two available councillor vacancies. The Parish Council made the decision to co-opt Susan Burdge as a new member of the Parish Council. **Proposed** Cllr Turney **Seconded** Cllr Moorhouse All agreed

**8 Approval of Expenditure**

- Parish Path Partnership works – Footpath 1 bridge £230.00
- DALC membership fee £71.81
- Twinning sign £82.00
- Insurance £267.43

Cllr Hanson reported that she checked the footpath bridge which was installed in the Parish Path Partnership scheme and the bridge was made at a good standard.

The Clerk informed the Council that the insurance company changed the previously calculated and approved amount of the insurance premium and a new cheque had to be signed and sent. The previous cheque was voided and has not been sent to the insurance company. The new amount is lower by £4.85 than the original.

The Council approved the expenditures.

**Proposed** Cllr Turney **Seconded** Cllr Hanson All agreed

**9 Clerk's Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that a date was agreed for the Community Litter Pick with the District Council. The Litter Pick will take place on 21 September at 11 am, starting from the Triangle. The event will be leafleted.

The clerk informed the councillors about the available DALC courses.

**10 Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their participation. He informed the Council that the twinning sign, which was ordered by the Council was delivered and installed before the French visit on 8 and 9 June. Despite the rainy weather, the event organized by the Twinning Association, was a great success. Next year residents of Dunsford and Doddiscombsleigh will have the opportunity to visit the French parishes. It is important to inform and encourage local residents of all ages to participate.

**11 Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 11 July 2019**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date